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Tuskegee  
University

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90th Birthday

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named head  
football coach  
at Elba High

# The Elba Clipper

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During Elba City Council meeting

## Dorsey gets \$2 million ADECA loan approval

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted to approve a short term ADECA \$2,000,000 float loan for Dorsey Trailers. The supporting resolution passed Monday evening is the only involvement for the City of Elba. The actual low interest start-up loan terms, repayment schedule, etc. are between the Dorsey Trailer Company and the Alabama Economic Development Office (ADECA). The paperwork for this loan is being handled by the SE Ala. Regional Planning Commission, which at no cost to the City of Elba.

The council also approved a resolution for a funding agreement with the local airport. This \$8,500 Department of Transportation (DOT) is a planning grant for work required to define the immediate and long range airport needs before proceeding with applications for

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## Elba BOE rehires teachers for upcoming school year

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board voted last Thursday on the rehiring of all tenured and non-tenured staff members who had not resigned or retired, with three exceptions: first year aides Jana Hutchison, Melissa Smith and Lance McCollough. Two of these were filling in for teacher aides who were on one-year leave of absence. There will be at least two additional staff hires. One of the new hires will be a high school teacher/coach and another will be a secretarial aide.

Staff resignations at the high school approved by the board include Nancy Clark, high school English; Boyd English, Social Science/Coach. At the elementary school Sherry Butler, Gifted Education; and Karen Carlson, Special Education resigned. All four of these resignations were to accept employment in other school systems.

New hires approved upon the recommendation of Superintendent Danny Weeks include Brenda Brooks and

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## Elba Marching Tiger Band prepares for upcoming season



**MUSIC IN THE AIR...** Although they are practicing in the above photo without instruments, the sound of music has been heard at times during the past week in Elba as the Elba Marching Tiger Band has begun preparation for the upcoming marching season. Band members began work last week with the annual "Rookie Camp" and this week has found all members working hard during Band Camp to get things ready for another successful year. Each year, the band puts forth a lot of hard work, sweat and tears in making the program better than ever. Above, band members learn their positions for part of the halftime show. The number of hours the band students will spend practicing moves such as the one above during the upcoming marching season is unknown, but the look of dedication is already evident on each and every student's face.

## S.A.V.E. program designed to prevent school

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Local law enforcement and school systems Coffee and Pike counties recently began the implementation of a new program that is designed to prevent violence in the school systems and among school aged children.

Boards members formally adopted a state approved change in the sick leave policy. Now employees can accumulate unlimited sick leave time-up from the 225 days previously allowed.

Weeks told board members that the Elba School System is losing funding on 4.5 teacher units in the coming school year, but through tough decisions has been able to maintain the current level of teachers.

A list of proposed budget reduction measures to get the school system over the prostration of this year were itemized by Weeks. They included saving \$60,000 with the cancellation of an out-

of-pocket item.

Fuller said S.A.V.E. is some-

what designed after the

program provided by

the school.

He said the reward could be

in the form of savings bonds,

clothes, etc.

The S.A.V.E. program is

being coordinated through the

Coffee County Family Services

Center, according to Fuller.

Last week, he and other

S.A.V.E. offi-

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eting with school

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build upon ideas

for ways to help

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exists. Fuller said in the coming

weeks, he will be going to each

individual school in Coffee and

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## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

## Friendship makes life more enjoyable

By Linda Hodge, Editor

Road rage doesn't just happen "over yonder." One day last week it happened right here on Buford Street in Elba, Alabama. The lead driver didn't signal a left turn exactly according to the book, (actually didn't signal at all). However the trailing driver was also not exactly right the way he (or she) was turning left. Anyway, driver number 2 sped up, jumped the curb at the next block, all while trying to get ahead, get back at, or whatever, but it was a classic example of road rage and someone could have been hurt in an exchange that was absolutely unnecessary. We have no idea exactly which driver won that battle, but it is doubtful the direction of the world was changed one bit because of the battle that took place on the streets of Elba last week.

Hey folks, of George W. came through and we got our IRS refund check this week, and for the full amount promised! Here is one occasion that having a low ending social security number paid off by getting us at the front of the line for something before it all ran out. There have been a lot of ideas floated around about what to do with the extra money and each idea sounds good. They range from the local man who had his in a savings account before noon Monday plus the folks who plan to pay some outstanding bills, buy something for themselves or some special person, to the story we liked and adopted, "I promised to cover those overdrifts at the bank just as soon as the check arrives!" Of course if there is more than one bank overdrift, it will take a bit of check kiting to cover all bases, and not have one banker catch you in a lie on that particular story. Whatever, we appreciate this payment for voting Bush in the November election and are happy some of our Democratic friends are getting a payment also... we want to help everyone, even the "other side." You know, we are willing to bet you, that money will spend just as well, and with little or no discrimination, for Democrats, Republicans or us Independents (sometimes called swing voters).

We continue to here reports of killer bees attacking people and this isn't a movie plot, but reality. The Africanized bees that escaped an experiment in South America some years ago have continued to spread northward and hit the United States several years ago. Last week in Nevada and Arizona they struck against humans again. In Nevada one person is dead and a couple of others suffering. The man who tried to rescue them is in the hospital, but expected to live. The man who raised bees across the road was shocked to think that his bees might have done that damage, but upon inspection found all his domestic honey bees had been killed. In the Arizona case an elderly man was attacked while working in his garden. One landed on his head and after he swatted that one, the swarm struck. Doctors later removed three embedded in one of his ears. It is a scary situation and could happen here (some folks say it will sooner or later). At least those of us who talk bad about kidzu, which is also an import from a foreign country, can keep fighting it or just move away, but those unlucky enough to be exposed to the African killer bee should consider themselves lucky if they make it to the hospital. Then there is the experimental who first imported these things to South America. The last we read about him, the scientist still has nightmares about the swarms that escaped his outdoor lab and continue to make their aggressive, negative mark on the Western world.

It is almost time for the public schools to reopen, in spite of the shock to yours truly and the happy children who think their fun time has just begun. The loud sighs of relief you are hearing are from the large number of school teachers who are just now beginning to hear they will actually have a school teaching job again this year. More than one teacher has called our office seeking information about when the school boards were going to make the announcements. In the conversations we often hear comments like, "If you hear of anything, let me know, I have children to feed and will flip hamburgers if necessary." We laugh with them at these statements, but folks it might be terrible to not have any confidence that your job will exist tomorrow. While we don't have the answer to eliminating this reoccurring problem, you can put us with those who are crying for correcting the system. This doesn't necessarily mean dumping more money in the pot for Paul Hubbard and the school boards to fight over, it doesn't necessarily mean cutting pay and/or benefits, increasing or decreasing classroom size, etc. Our limited brain sees a crying need for improving the overall system of management and urges those of you with the ability to solve this problem to get on with the job at hand... and do it soon.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of July 16, 2001, through July 22, 2001. They were: Ray Henderson, Carol Harwick, Becky Prescott, Lenora Burke, Agnes Mack, Cedric Benton, Sam Harris, Mary Nell James, David Beckworth, Betty Driggers, Marvin Bradshaw, Pettie Lee Wambles, Jack Corde, Sean Warren, Annie Griffin, Shelia Bradshaw and Pettie Lee Wambles.

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Life is rough enough without going out and personally trying to make things more difficult for another person.

I consider myself to be lucky because I know that I have found some friends that will always be there for me. Whether I need someone to laugh with or cry with, all I have to do is call and they'll be there. And, the same is true of me if they need anything.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. Ron Stallard Ordained Bishop  
Elba Church of God

## Where did the money go?

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many say I have sinned and enjoyed it. This may be true and the Bible says that this kind of satisfaction is for a season. We drink but still thirst.

We have food, but are always hungry. You may say I am not dead! I did not die when I sinned. You may be breathing and your heart may be beating but there is death in sin.

First of all, sin kills our finances. We go from one job to another or we never get to that place of reaching our potential. The devil will attack our

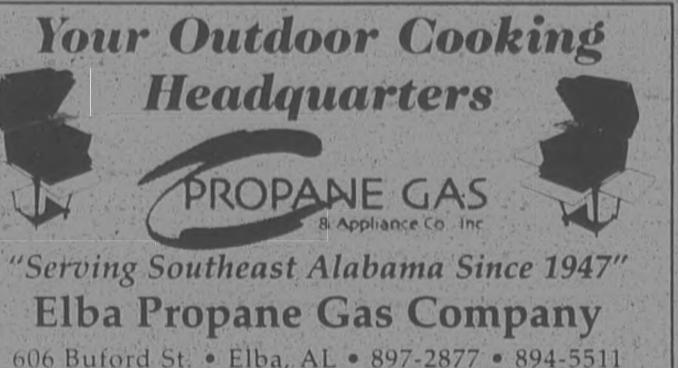
finances if he knows it is our weakness. The bible compares it to having a bag of money with a whole in it. We put our money in each other because of sin. Living families are forever devastated. How many fights and arguments between people who love each other will it take to open our eyes?

Has sin been conquered. Jesus has defeated it. We can escape from this torment. We can climb out of the squalor through the love of our God. Jesus our savior has never left us. He is still putting family's back together. He is making a way when there seemed to be no way.

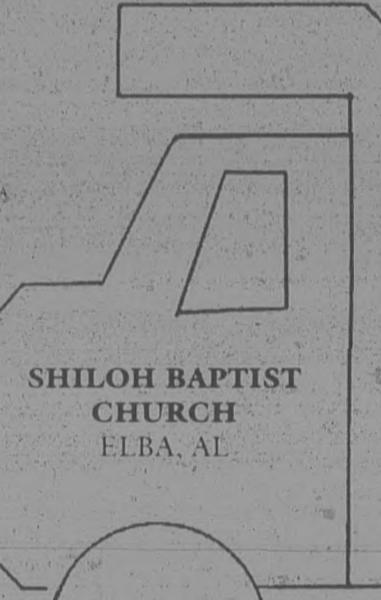
Do not be fooled by thinking you can handle it. It is not up to you to handle. God is our redeemer. He can take on all of our transgressions. Jesus took on our sin. He is still doing it. We can get back with the Lord. He wants us to come as we are.

GO THEIR WAY, DO NOT WAIT, DO NOT LET DEATH OVERCOME YOU.

Accept Jesus as your savior. Ask Him to forgive you. If you are saved already than rededicate.



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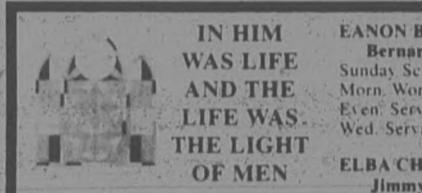
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ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Rev. Larry J. Baxter, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

More Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Elie Phillips-Copes, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

More Worship 11:00 a.m.

Tues. Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Darryl Caldwell, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

More Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST

CHURCH

Elbert Smith, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

More Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST

CHURCH

Rev. Larry Gill, Pastor

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd Sundays

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

More Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

Rev. William French, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

More Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Donale Marler, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

More Worship 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.

Even Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

Faith Chapel Community

Donale Marler, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

More Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Donale Marler, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

More Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Larry J. Baxter, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

More Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even Service 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH

Rev. Larry Gill, Pastor

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

More Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even Service 6:00 p.m.

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## LIFESTYLES

Rufe Johnson reunion set for Saturday, July 28th

The annual Rufe Johnson 28th, beginning at 9:00 AM, reunion will be held in the Senior Citizens Building in New Brockton, Alabama on July 28th. Relatives and friends are urged to attend. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the day!



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Corey Driggers

Driggers receives Doctor of Jurisprudence degree recently

Cory Hollies Driggers recently received the Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from the Mississippi College School of Law. While in school, he received the Best Paper Award on Trial Practice and was named on Who's Who American Law Student. He was a member of Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity. He received his undergraduate degree from Troy State University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Driggers of Elba.

Elba State Junior College offers opportunities to Wiregrass area businesses and industries to customize courses for their employees. Courses are available for one to 100 learners per course and are offered for credit and non-credit. Courses may be taught on-site or at the College. For more information, call 334-393-ESJC ext. 208.

Annual Damascus School Reunion planned for August 11

The annual Damascus School Reunion will be held Saturday August 11, 2001, at the Coffee County Farm Complex, New Brockton, AL 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Bring a covered dish and a beverage. Those who wish to bring an item for a door prize or auction, please do so.

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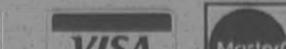
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the amount of \$2,550. Other bids included Beckham Septic Tank of Enterprise for \$3,220 and Underground Utilities of Samson for \$2,849.

Appointments were made to the Department of Human Resources Board. There were four board positions needing appointments. Receiving reappointment were:

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In other business, the commission:

\*\*Approved a resolution upon the recommendation of County Engineer Randy Tindell to send out bids for guard rails.

\*\*Approved the appropriation of \$150 to help the Town of New Brockton with a project to redraw maps.

\*\*Approved a resolution from the state that guarantees the county will put up 20 percent in matching funds for a walking trail around the New Hope Senior Citizen Center.

\*\*Approved a resolution authorizing the county to sign a contract with the state concerning a jobs case aid position and child homemaker position through the Department of Human Resources.

The positions are funded by the state and supervised by DHR.



**SHERIFF SPEAKS TO LIONS...**Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates recently spoke to members of the Elba Lions Club during their monthly meeting. Sheriff Moates brought the members up-to-date on several things that have taken place with the sheriff's department since his first election in 1995. Some of the topics he discussed included the number of deputies within the department and the various duties required of the department, juvenile transportation and other sheriff's department positions. Sheriff Moates (center) is pictured above with Wayne Harrison (left) and Bob Glover (right).

Alexander added that the class of 47 troopers currently in training at the trooper academy in Selma will begin patrolling later this year, and motorists will notice an increased trooper presence as these officers work to improve highway safety in the state in the months ahead.

Locally, Coffee County saw a decrease in traffic fatalities in 2000. There were four less traffic fatalities in the county with eight fatalities as compared to 12 traffic fatalities in 1999.

The surrounding counties of Covington, Crenshaw, Dale and Pike, also saw decreases. Covington County had five traffic fatalities in 2000 as compared to 16 in 1999. Crenshaw County had five traffic fatalities in 2000 as compared to seven in 1999. Dale County had 10 traffic fatalities in 2000 as compared to 15 in 1999, and Pike County had nine traffic fatalities in 2000 as compared to 11 in 1999.

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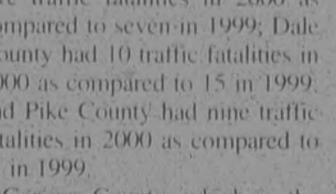
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